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Artificial Limbs Prove No Handicap

Practical Demonstration At Red Cross House Shows Way to Wounded Men

Several hundred wounded men, who are at this hospital for treatment, were present at the Red Cross House at "amputation night" on Friday. While the term used in describing the evening might not sound appealing to civilians, it meant a great deal to the local patients, especially since No. 3 has been designated as an amputation center.

The purpose of the meeting was to show, by practical examples, how other men have overcome the seeming handicap of lost limbs and also to stimulate the spirits of the men and impress them with the fact that they have every chance for future success, even though they have lost an arm or a leg.

Major Franklin W. Johnson, chief of the Educational Service, presided and introduced the speakers and demonstrators. Captain Elsom, of the Physical-Therapy department, gave an interesting talk on the necessity for exercise. Frank McKeown, the "armless wonder," who is spending his time with the patients here, and Mr. McGuire, a railroad paymaster, gave examples of their ability to get along in spite of having lost limbs.

Mr. McKeown, whose arms were amputated at the elbows, gave an interesting performance, showing his ability to dress himself, feed himself, write, bowl, play pool and do many other things. Mr. McGuire, who wears two artificial legs, gave many demonstrations of his walking ability and also explained how he acquired a natural gait.

An interesting number on the program was a motion picture showing Justice Dowling, of Iowa, in action. Justice Dowling suffered the loss of both legs, one arm and the fingers of the only arm remaining. He overcame all difficulties and today is one of the well known jurists of the Middle West. The picture shows him doing various difficult feats, including that of running an automobile.

An inspiring part of the lecture concerning Justice Dowling told of his determination during the early days after his accident. It seemed that he would be a county charge for life. Yet he made this offer to the authorities: that if they would send him to law school, they would never have to spend a cent on him after he graduated. He finally induced them to accept the offer and he has more than kept his promise.

There were also pictures of reconstruction work in the Canadian hospitals.



GETTING THEIR NEW LEGS
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Here are shown a group of wounded soldiers, from this Hospital, being fitted with "provisional" legs, which are used until the stump is in a condition to receive the permanent leg.

The provisional leg allows for shrinkage and in this limb the soldier learns to walk.

Private Page, Bed Patient, Awarded D.S.C. for Heroism

Ward 9 was the scene of an impressive ceremony on Washington's birthday when the Commanding Officer, acting upon instructions from the Secretary of War, conferred the Distinguished Service Cross upon a bed patient, Private Alfred W. Page, Co. D, 16th Infantry.

The Commanding General of the A. E. F. awarded the cross to Private Page "for repeated acts of extraordinary heroism in action near Soissons, France, July 18-23, 1918. During the entire five days of the advance he fulfilled with exceptional efficiency, the difficult and hazardous duties of liaison agent between the infantry and the tanks. Subjected throughout the action to the direct fire of the enemy machine guns and anti-tank artillery, he demonstrated the highest type of courage and devotion to duty."

Private Page's home is in East Hampton, Mass.

CITED.

Private Roland F. Thompson, Co. E, 103rd Infantry, Ward 14, has received a notice from the Commanding Officer of the Yankee Division, that he has heard of Private Thompson's "gallant conduct and devotion to duty in the field on July 18, 1918," when Private Thompson, though wounded, volunteered to carry messages under heavy enemy fire at Belleau, the second battle of the Marne. The Commanding Officer has ordered Private Thompson's name and deed entered in the record of the Yankee Division.

Ward 11 Keeps Uptodate; Has an Afternoon Cabaret

Broadway had nothing on the bed-patients of Ward 11 Wednesday afternoon, when the manager of Johnson's cabaret, Newark, brought his entire show to the Ward and entertained the boys, as well as a number of visitors from nearby Wards. Every space between the beds was occupied by the visitors, while the narrow aisle furnished a fine stage for the dancers and singers.

The primary purpose of the party was, of course, to entertain the men of Ward 11, or the Hotel de Dakin, as it has come to be known. However, someone called it a birthday party, although no one in the Ward could be found who was entitled to celebrate that particular day. It was finally decided, however, that it was a birthday party of Lincoln, Washington and Miss Tripple, the nurse in Ward 11.

Capt. Albert S. Harden, surgeon of Ward 11, was master of ceremonies and supplied the necessary "pep" during the few minutes in which the jazz band rested. He also was there to remind the patients that their wounded legs could not heal immediately, even though the jazz music made it practically impossible to recline quietly in bed.

It was a great afternoon for all the men who were present. Kellogg is reported severely smitten by the fair young queen who did the high kicking. Cook, who occupies the last bed on the right hand side, was found hanging from the little trapeze over his bed when the "Oh, La, La" girls concluded their act. Sergeant Num-

Basket Ball Players Make Good Showing

Men Are Displaying Winning Streak Against all Comers-- Game Here Friday

The Hospital Basketball Team has taken a decided brace and is playing better ball as is evidenced by their showing in the last few weeks. After the defeat by Lakewood the team took practice more seriously and has developed into a real team. Week before last they met the Orioles, of Rahway, and defeated them by a score of 33 to 17. The same week Perth Amboy Y. M. C. A. met defeat at the hands of our team by the close score of 24-23. The game was fast and very exciting, both teams playing good ball.

On Thursday of the same week the hospital team journeyed to Perth Amboy, where they met an all-star aggregation and gave them a good trimming to the tune of 41 to 21.

Last Friday the same all-star team from Perth Amboy played here with their line-up greatly strengthened but our team played their best game and trimmed them by the score of 47 to 23.

The personnel of the team is about the same as earlier in the season with Davis, Drucke, Gowan, Gardner, Small, Gillan, Wean, Rader and Hinkle. All players are putting up stellar ball and are passing well. Davis leads in scoring, while Gardner and Small, the two guards, have put up a wonderful defense. There will be a game this week, Friday, here on the Y. court, probably with Plainfield.

COLLIE WINS AT SHOW.

Captain Buck, a patient at this Hospital, was awarded a silver cup when his collie dog won the honors for being the best dog of any breed owned by a man in active service of any of the allies and shown by the owner in uniform.

Corporal Lunt, of the Motor Corps of America, won a similar cup offered to the women in active service.

bers could not believe his eyes when the violinist discarded his bow and played the violin on one of the iron bars of Numbers' bed. Amarosia joined in the chorus of the Italian songs and Kitterley said the song was all wrong because it "handed the pick to the Mick" instead of to the Italian.

And now the men in Ward 11 are planning to celebrate the birthdays of the other nurses in their ward, the Misses McCaffrey, Burnett, Hamer and Proctor.

National Service Canteen

Open; Attracts Big Crowd

A new canteen, to be known as the "Recreational Club," operating under the auspices of the National League for Woman's Service, opened last week. The canteen is in a large house on the Lincoln Highway, near Colonia Inn, and beside that other landmark known as the "big sign."

The new house contains large reading rooms, a music room, pool and writing rooms, a dining room for enlisted men and another for officers. It is open daily from 9 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. After 9:30 the house is reserved specially for officers.

While the canteen offers the big attraction to the men, it is being impressed upon all that they are welcome to use the house whether they want to eat or not. There are special hours for the regular meals. In addition, orders of ham and eggs, griddle cakes, doughnuts, coffee and ice cream will be served at all hours. Every Wednesday evening there will be a chicken dinner.

The entertainment features will consist of various musical and dancing programs. The patients at the Hospital will be guests every Monday afternoon. On Monday evenings there will be a dance for all.

While the new canteen is some distance from the Hospitals, arrangements have been made for ambulance service to convey the men to and from the new club. The National League for Woman's Service will have an ambulance at the main entrance of the Hospital every hour on the hour from 9 a. m.

Mrs. W. R. Royce, who has opened five canteens since this country went to war, is resident hostess. She is assisted by Miss Eleanor Brooks, of East Orange, N. J., and Mrs. Davis, of Boston. Each week there will be a new staff of four or five volunteer girl workers who will assist in conducting the house.

ONIONS.

One of the great events of the week (ask any of the boys!) was the steak-and-onion dinner served at Mercy House, Tuesday noon. No special warning was issued, yet the boys seem to surmise or suspect it, for they trooped there in large numbers.

Mercy House is open to the men every evening and the House is being well patronized.

Y. M. C. A.

One of the most enjoyable evenings given at the Y. M. C. A. here was put on by the orchestra of twenty-six pieces from the Third Presbyterian Church, of Elizabeth, on Monday evening of this week. The program was one of interest and delight from beginning to end and after the last number was played the audience was unwilling to go and the players responded to the continued applause. The telling of many funny stories by Buzby, the story teller, also from Elizabeth, added much to the pleasure of the evening. The building was packed.

The Oak Farm Dramatic Company, from Plainfield, will present "Oak Farm" on Thursday evening of this week, at the Y. M. The play has nine in the cast and a number of specialties and there is an orchestra of eight pieces coming with the company. The pictures of the Y. this week are of special interest.

Harry White, who served with the 42nd, 47th, 26th and 38th Divisions as entertainer and Y. M. representative for months in the trenches and who was awarded the Croix de Guerre for his work, will be present on Wednesday night, and give the performances he gave in the trenches. He has a great show and will appear at 7:30, before the pictures.

The first of the series of educational talks was given last Wednesday by the N. Y. Telephone Company showing the various "Communications, Ancient and Modern, in Warfare." The pictures illustrating the subject were excellent.

IS HE HERE?

A Captain of Infantry in a nearby Army Hospital is attempting to locate a former member of Co. M, 47th Infantry, 4th Division, A. E. F., and has asked us to help determine if the man is at this Hospital. The man, whose name is unknown to the officer, was a private and was wounded August 8, 1918, near the Vesle River close to the town of Ste. Thibaut, while the organization was engaged with the Prussian Guard. He was struck in the left leg by an explosive bullet and fell into a shell hole. The officer gave him first aid and carried him to a place where the stretcher bearers could reach him. The private gave the officer a post card bearing the picture of himself and some comrade. If anyone here knows the whereabouts of this private, please tell it to the Editor.

K. OF C.

Secretary Ungerer wishes to inform the men of the Post that the placing of guards at the doors of the K. C. building and keeping out of all comers after 250 have entered the house, is in accordance with the fire regulations and that there is no way of avoiding the inconvenience. He says, however, that in a few weeks the new K. C. building will be finished and then there will be room for all.

That elaborate stage curtain at the K. C. House was painted at the Lee Leash studio where all the Hippodrome scenery is painted.

The Knights of Columbus, of Westfield, N. J., were responsible for an enjoyable dancing party at the K. C. House on the evening of February 19. Secretary Ungerer asked Grand Knight Foley to arrange for an entertainment and the Grand Knight decided upon a program that never fails. He appeared with about 75 young ladies from Westfield and vicinity and each girl was accompanied by a cake baked specially for the occasion.

Moreover there was a jazz orchestra that would make the Sphinx feel like shouting "Ja Da" and there were dozens of encores throughout the evening. The K. C. secretary had arranged with Mess Sergeant Ingelse to serve hot coffee with the cake. It was noted that after one round of coffee was served to the orchestra, the music was jazzier than ever—which speaks pretty well for the Mess Sergeant's brewing. Not all the cakes were eaten because arrangements were made by the thoughtful ones to send a number to the men in wards who were not able to attend the party.

POOR NARCISSUS.

Narcissus is dead. Narcissus was a plant formerly ornamenting Ward 7 and delighting the hearts of the nurses, Miss Carroll and Miss Mollenhauer. One day the Ward Surgeon, Lieutenant Stern laid his hat on the plant and Narcissus parted amidst. The Surgeon performed some sort of a bone graft operation on the plant and repaired it with splints. Strychnine was applied to the plant and Narcissus bloomed joyfully, in spite of its compound comminuted fracture. But one day the plant died and was buried in the garbage can—all except the roots, which were placed in the cellar to bloom again next spring. Meantime there is sorrow in Ward 7.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The following Occupational Aides have reported for duty during the past week:

The Misses Katherine Hobbs, M. C. Lovell, Mary M. Caton, Mrs. Potter and Mrs. B. R. Myers.

James H. Blougher, a patient discharged from this Hospital a few days ago, has been appointed by the Surgeon General's office as an instructor at the School. He is a skilled sign painter and will give instruction in this branch.

The enlisted men of the Educational Service have moved their quarters from the School building to the upper floor of Ward 31. This change gives the men more comfortable quarters and releases much needed room for instructional purposes at the School.

The plan of having the department heads discuss and illustrate the various phases of their work before the teaching body is a pleasing innovation. It gives each one a grasp of the educational plan of which he is a part. Lieut. Moore, of the Metro-Therapy, and Lieut. Denslow in Mechano-Therapy, filled the bill nicely last Tuesday morning. Major Altman very wittily supplemented the discussion in a brief address.

Mrs. Jones will discuss Occupational Therapy at the next meeting.

Outdoor work will soon be the feature in agriculture. There could be no more attractive or beneficial course during the spring days for our Hospital boys than a little outdoor agriculture and gardening. Enroll at once for the agriculture course.

NURSES' NEWS.

Miss Manning has returned from Honesdale, Pa.; Miss Arron from Reading, Pa.

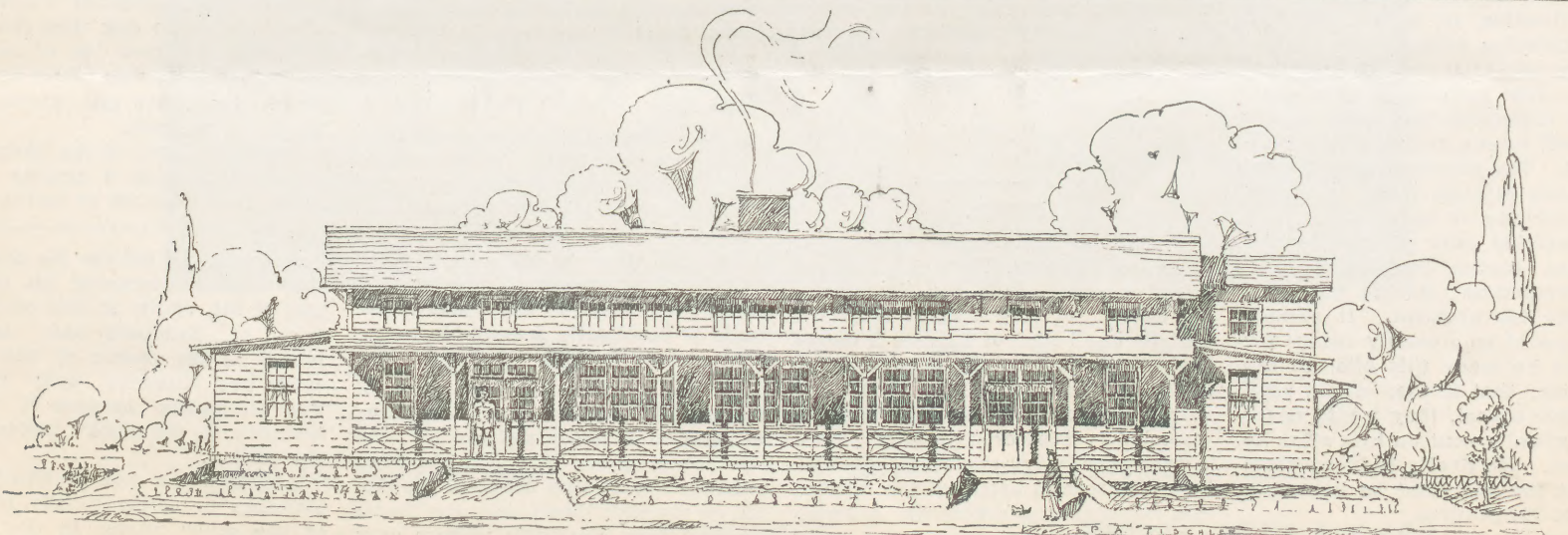
Miss Margaret Johnson, who has been seriously ill, is recovering.

The Graduate Nurses' Club will give a dance here on March 17. It was planned to have the dance earlier until Monday night's meeting brought about a change.

CO. B, 7TH REG.

The name and ward number of every man in this Hospital who has at any time been a member of Co. B, 7th Regiment, New York Guard, is wanted. Please communicate with Mrs. R. W. Smith, Red Cross House.

Martin, of Ward 4, to Editor: I want to get copies of your paper for a week back.



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A RECIPE FOR CHEER.

People often wonder how nurses always continue to be so cheerful. Here is a tip from one of them, which we suspect is a good part of this method they all use.

"Sometime when you have one of those days when everything drops on the floor or gets lost, and people expect you to be a mind-reader, and do things you never heard of and troubles just seem to all be heading your way so fast you can't dodge them, and your heart is 'way down in your boots—and oh so heavy!—just try turning up the corners of your mouth, and keeping them up for awhile. Don't tell people what you are doing, for you know a trouble told is a trouble doubled, but just go on with that artificial smile for a bit and see how soon it becomes a real one, and you've laughed your sorrows to death, and gotten a fresh grip on things and it is great to be alive and playing the game!"

AIRPLANE STAYS; U-BOAT GOES.

Proposal to be made by the league of nations committee to abolish the use of submarines as a war instrument finds support chiefly in the revulsion that came from Germany's misuse of the weapon. Intended to be directed against only other war vessels, it had its place in warfare where armed force met armed force. But turned loose on non-combatants, on shiploads of women and children and hospital sick, the U-boat has come to be reviled by mankind. The world favors the adoption of an agreement by the nations to outlaw the submarine as the surest safeguard against its diversion to murderous use in any war that may come. Such agreement can provide a heavy penalty for the offender that builds a submarine.

No advantage has been developed to commend the undersea boat to commercial use. Moreover, the much greater possibilities in peace and war held by the airplane give it every consideration as the invention to stay, while the submarine goes.

Developments to bring the flying machine

into everyday use are intimated in reports of a new form of stabilizer which is to make roof landing easy. According to returning aviators who saw experimental flights in France to test the latest improvement, it operates like a ceiling fan. A propeller is placed on the top plane, serving as elevator to lift or drop the machine, and is geared to the engine independent of the pusher propeller. The new stabilizer, credited to an Englishman, indicates that the principal need for adding safety to airplanes is at last getting attention which may make the fliers as common as taxicabs.

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WHICH KIND ARE YOU?

The attitude that some men have towards everyday worries reminds one of the story of the two frogs that fell into a bowl of cream. One of them bemoaned his fate and, after conjuring up all the awful things that were going to happen to him—"Glub-b-blub-b-bubble!"—sank to the bottom, and was drowned. The other did the only thing that appeared to be possible under the circumstances—hind-legged it round and round the bowl as fast as he could. He was up against it hard. There was only one thing to do, so he got to it. Better to be a live trawler than a dead submarine. He actually found he could navigate faster if he tried to forget about his ill fate. Every time he felt like issuing a new communique of despair, he went to the swimming "on the double," until he was too fagged to despond. In the morning he was found to be cheerfully sitting on a piece of butter—"Chugarum! Chugarum! Chugarum!"

You know the moral!

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THERE'S A CHANCE FOR EVERYONE.

"How much of his body does a man need to earn a living in this year of wheels and wires? For instance: Legs are not requisite at the cigar bench; expert typewriters never look at the keys; the watchful eye of a supervisor is not hampered by the absence of arms. What with telephones, elevators, motor cars, and like couriers and carriers, a respectable remnant of the human frame can overcome most of the handicaps of mutilation.

"If the head stays intact, a missing feature or so isn't necessarily a sentence to dependence. Common sense is a general servant, and with a little coaching can learn to substitute for any of the missing five.

"Our streets shall not ring with the whine for alms—the hat holders and cup bearers already there reproach enlightenment. We should have helped them to their feet long ago. The remarkable achievements of rehabilitated European soldiers indicate that the only hopeless cripple is a deliberate shirker."

—Herbert Kaufman.

TO THE A. N. C.

There's a legion of wonderful women,
That came from the east and the west,
The north and the south sent their quota,
Each state sent its bravest and best.
They came without trumpets or shouting
At the call of the grim god of war,
And gladly gave all without thought of reward,
To the Army Nurse Corps.

In the camps, cantonments and bases,
Mid the harrowing scenes "over there,"
They toiled for the suffering soldiers,
And the boys blessed their motherly care.
Their emblem the Cross of Geneva,
Their motto: "Just service, then more,"
They gladly gave all, that a soldier might live,
That's the Army Nurse Corps.

Let us drink to these wonderful women,
A toast ere we part from the scene,
Let us drink—and then shatter the glasses,
As cavaliers drink to their Queen.
May the God that rules in the Heavens,
And the God of the land and the sea,
Ever shower the choicest of blessings,
On the women of the Army N. C.

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It is difficult to keep smiling when the Nurse addresses the paper, "Over Hear."

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"Oh, well," said the Breakfast Grouch,
"if it wasn't a bugle I suppose it would be an alarm clock."

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Our principal concern in all this League discussion is, When will Ty Cobb sign up?

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Maybe the President landed in Boston just to see if he could find his way out again.

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It's difficult to understand how a survivor of Argonne Forest can get excited about a Jess Willard fight.

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In the absence of wet stimulants, editors may be expected to go in for dry humor.

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Among pleasant recollections are those concerning the time when we could afford an egg shampoo.

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The League of Nations ought to include Graustark, according to our Librarian's report.

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Now that we are organizing a band it should be possible to drown the clamor for discharges.

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Another nice thing about being in the Army is you never can be described by the clothes you wear.

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When the next war comes we'll all know just how to go about being commissioned a captain.

"The Best Thing In The Service"

(On account of the fact that the Personnel Office has many applications each day both from patients and detachment men, to drop their insurance, I have asked Sergeant First Class Snowden, Q. M. C., to write the following article. Sergeant Snowden is an old insurance man—having been in the game for a number of years before the war—with one of the largest insurance companies in the United States. I feel that his judgment is good—that he speaks upon a subject in which he is well versed—and I sincerely hope that his message will be heard. This matter of the W. R. I. is an important one and I feel that the careful reading of this article will aid in making the matter clear—just how essential it is to hold on to "the best thing in the service."

L.T. ORREN D. CHAPMAN,
Personnel Adjutant

By Sergeant W. B. Snowden, Q. M. C.
So few soldiers at this Post seem to understand and appreciate the value of the protection offered them by the government, by reason of the War Risk Insurance, that I as an insurance man, with years of practical experience as an actuary and claim adjuster, have been requested to emphasize its real value to you as individuals.

Uncle Sam is now the President of the largest Insurance Company in the world. In September last the War Risk Insurance Bureau reported having two and one-half million policies in force involving over thirty billion of Life Insurance. This is more than the combined amount of insurance on the books of all the American companies.

As you are aware the insurance is written for those actually in the service only and calls for the payment of premiums monthly. This is about all that the average soldier knows regarding same and it behooves all to carefully consider what the government gives you in return before even considering dropping it.

Long before the United States entered the war, several British and Canadian companies attempted to insure soldiers by charging an extra premium of \$50 a thousand. This was gradually raised until some of the companies charged \$250 a thousand extra and were then obliged to refuse to accept risks even at this prohibitive rate. Why was this? Because life insurance is an exact science based upon the activities of men and women engaged in peaceful pursuits, even though some of the occupations are more hazardous than others. Consider the above rates and compare them with what the Government is charging you (\$6 to \$7 for \$10,000 per month). Why is it the Government is selling insurance so much cheaper than the life insurance companies? The answer is, the cost is being divided between the soldier and the tax payer. The net premium rate is charged the soldier, and the entire cost of management added to the War Risk and the Disability feature is charged to the tax payer. Competition has always been keen between insurance companies, and had they attempted to assume the War Risk some of them would have come out like the two little boys. One of them was asked: "Where's your little brother?"

"Why, he hurt himself."
"How did he do it?"

"We were seeing who could learn out of the window the farthest, and he won."

To make this a little clearer, at the time of passing the law, the Government appropriated \$23,000,000 for War Mortality, and will undoubtedly appropriate more from time to time as the occasion demands. The expense of the administration of this law is taken care through appropriations for the maintenance of the Bureau of War Risk and through expenditures of the War Department, which department furnishes officers in each camp to handle the details connected with it. The Government by this arrangement has made splendid provision for those who are in the service, in the form of insurance which is most practical. It also places the heavy burden of the extra death rate upon the nation as a whole, together with all the very heavy overhead charges connected therewith. The soldier is simply asked to pay the net cost of carrying his risk, just as though he were engaged in a peaceful occupation.

Having dealt with the cost to the soldier, now let us consider what Uncle Sam does for the soldier and his family:

The Government makes three extraordinary provisions for its soldiers and sailors, under the heading of War Risk Insurance:

1. A family allowance to the dependents, payable during his service.
2. A monthly compensation to the dependents of a soldier or sailor at his death, or to himself if disabled.
3. Life insurance payable monthly to dependents if he dies, or to himself if he is disabled.

Each of these is a distinct and separate provision. The allowance and the compensation are granted free, and the insurance is voluntary.

Five actuaries of Life Insurance Companies were called into consultation by the Government, and estimated that the cost of these provisions for two years of operation would be \$700,000,000, but "if these plans," said the President, "are just to our soldiers and sailors and to their dependents, then the cost must be borne by the country, whatever it is."

It was in such principles as these that the United States Government undertook to protect its citizens when it called them to war.

An example of real protection:

A soldier has a wife and two children. His pay is \$30 a month. The Government makes an allowance for the support of his wife, during his service, of \$32.50 a month, and allows from the soldier's pay \$15.

If the soldier dies, the Government grants his widow compensation as long as she lives, or until she remarries, \$47.50 monthly.

If the soldier is totally disabled, the Government compensates him, so long as he has a wife and two children, at the rate of \$65 monthly.

If he becomes so helplessly disabled as constantly to require a nurse or attendant, he may be granted up to \$20 a month additional.

If he becomes permanently bedridden or totally blind, or loses both feet or both hands, his compensa-

tion is increased to \$100 per month for life.

The soldier may also take insurance IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE in amounts up to \$10,000, which will pay him, for the maximum amount, \$57.50 monthly for life, \$57.50 per month for 20 years to his wife, or an income for life if smaller amount is desired.

The law also provides that a policy can be changed into a straight life policy, either life or endowment, in any reputable company within a period of five years after the close of the war. Requiring no medical examination, and leaving the selection of the company to the soldier himself. The Government is also working out a scheme now, details of which will probably be published shortly, whereby it will be possible for the Government to write these policies.

The war is not over yet, and even if it were, don't imagine for a moment you do not need this protection. It is equally as important for you to continue your insurance in this country, as it was for you to carry it when there was a possibility for you to "Go Over." Try and get a policy in any company while you are in the service. You will find that very few will grant it, and the companies who will, will charge you a prohibitive rate. Try and secure a policy against accidents and sickness and you will find that you cannot get it at any price. Why is this? Because companies who have years of experience and statistics on which to base their figures KNOW that soldiers even in peace time, are not desirable risks, and that at any reasonable rate they, the companies, would lose money. The truth is that accidents without number can, and are, happening daily in camps in this country. Furthermore sickness is prevalent, and there are over a thousand diseases which we are subject to. Neither you or I are immune from them and should an epidemic strike any camp, where there are numbers of men, closely associated together, the risk is far heavier than it can possibly be in commercial life, working and living under normal conditions. Think for a moment of the Spanish influenza epidemic which swept this country only a few months ago, taking a terrific toll of lives. When you consider dropping your policy, you are really trying to convert yourself into a small insurance company and assume your own risk yourself. This you cannot afford to do. Leave that to others whose business it is to do that, and who have financial backing behind them to enable them to do so. You would not consider for a moment carrying the fire insurance on my house, and bear in mind it is very problematical that a fire will ever occur, and yet you are content to assume the risk for something that is certain to occur to you. You are certain to have sicknesses, maybe accidents, at some time. It is positive that you will die sometime. It's only a question as to when, and that we cannot answer. No man ever lived or ever will live, that this did not apply to. This may sound crude but I am trying to tell you the truth and make you realize what foolishness it is to even dream of throwing away the best thing you ever had. Ask any of the sick, wounded boys in this Hospital what they think of their policies. If they

are honest they will tell you I am speaking the truth. You may be in a similar position tomorrow, and if so it will be a comfortable feeling to you as you lie on your bed to know that you will be taken care of and no matter what happens you and yours will be provided for.

Keep your policy even if you have no dependents, the disability provisions alone are worth many times what the Government is charging you and it's the best investment you ever made in your life.

JACK-KNIVES.

Many of the men engaged in the shop work, either in the Craftshop or in the Wards, are very much pleased over the jack-knives received through the courtesy of Mr. C. B. Fuller, of the New York Knife Company.

THE NEXT STATION IS RAHWAY.

The practical Reconstruction Aide stopped in at the Orthopedic shop where artificial limbs are made. She told the size leg required by her patient and gave other information. The Sergeant showed her a pretty pink limb with hinges and everything.

"That will be fine," she said. "And, now, paint it black, please."

"Black!" said the Sergeant.

"What's the idea?"

"Oh, it's for a colored patient," she said.

WARD 7.

James—Wonder if this medicine will do me any good.

Stone—It will if you follow directions.

James—What are the directions?

Stone—Keep the bottle tightly corked.



MRS. C. G. WHEELER-JONES
Supervisor Occupational Aides

The appointment of Mrs. Wheeler-Jones to be Supervisor of Occupational Aides was announced recently. Since assuming her duties at the Hospital, the Occupational work has undergone a great growth. During the last week her department has removed into its own separate quarters in Ward 31. Mrs. Wheeler-Jones, in addition to managing the large staff of Aides, has found time to go to the nearby towns, in company with several of the patients, and explain the work to large audiences.

WARD ROOMERS.

And now they are saying that Knox's right leg was injured because it couldn't keep up with his left when he heard that high explosive shell coming.

Our entire representation of the Fighting 69th is taking it for granted that general passes will be issued for March 17.

Last Saturday one of the nurses told Jack Divine to tidy up a bit; "It's Washington's birthday, you know," she said. "Is that so," said Divine, "how old is he?"

Poor Sergeant Welch, Ward 22. He's trying to deny that he was caught in a swell cafe drinking from the finger bowl and thinking it was lemonade.

Sergeant Connie Foley, Ward 22, is the lad who amused 'em all at Plainfield when he danced all evening with the aid of a cane. Since then his leg has been put back in a cast. But the Sarj says he still is for dancing and is going to tackle it again.

When a French lieutenant found McCarthy on the battle field he said, "Young man, you deserve a Croix de Guerre." Mac looked up pathetically and said, "Beg pardon, a quart of what?"

Personnel of Ward 3: Early one morning in Ward 3 Miss Shell Shock crossed Lieut. Lowbridge and was Miss Welcomed by the Wit of Meyers.

Rediger was standing at the door of Ward 3 when a fair Red Cross worker came and said:

"Have you a boy in this ward with one leg named Smith?"

"I don't know, but I'll find out," said Rediger. What's the name of his other leg.

DANCE AT ELIZABETH

A number of Detachment men were favored with invitations to the dance given February 21 by the Martha Washington Club, of Elizabeth. They report that it was one of the best parties given in Elizabeth and that all had a good time. Most of the young ladies have made several appearances here during the last few months and have entertained the men with their singing and dancing ability. Among the Elizabethans who helped make the party a success were:

Stella Meehan, Mae Regan, Margaret Regan, Kathryn Crowley, Elizabeth Brennan, Anna Marie O'Brien, Helen Haggerty, Nan Bonkowski, Helen Levins, Sara Rooney, Adeline Connell, Genevieve Connell, Elizabeth Connell, Catherine Conway, Florence Daley, Kathryn McCarthy, Mary Hennessy, Helen Leonard, Helen Fitzpatrick, Marie Barry, Mary Devine, Florence Hufnagel, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Conroy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirk.

Guests from the Detachment included: Harold Cameron, Wilbur Long, Loren H. Crabtree, Bernard Hayes, John Fahey, J. Francis Connolly, Frank Daily, Arthur Davies, Irving Arnold, Edward Donnelly, Walter Oakes, Leo Pohlmeier, John Paul, Edward Brennan, Frank Williamson, Lawrence Ryan, Esley Tabler, John Kirk, William Regan, John Kenely, Robert Cummings, Bernard Cassel, Lloyd Griswold.



STARTING SOMETHING HE CAN'T FINISH
(Calling on an aide at Green Gables)

CHESS.

Chess players interested in holding a chess tournament are invited to communicate with Sergeant Strauss at the School. Sergeant Strauss also would be glad to arrange for games in wards with bed patients.

THE GAME LAWS PROTECT HIM.

J. Maher, the "patient poet," heard someone remarking that the canteen of the National League for Woman's Service was to open February 20th.

"It seems a bit early for the National League to open," he said.

'T WAS EVER THUS.

One would think that Mr. Heath, who is a leader of choral singing and who spends much of his time at this Hospital, would live in a jazz band mansion where there is a banjo instead of a doorbell and where even the door hinges squeak in harmony. Does he? He does not.

He lives in the Hospital morgue.

THIS JOKE HAS TEETH.

Sergeant Thomas, departing from the Dental clinic, was heard to remark that the dentists who went over there certainly must have been numbered among the yanks.

Sergeant Moser reports that he visited Woodruff over Sunday. Woodruff happens to live in a distant corner of Elizabeth, far away from noise and tumult. While waiting for a car home the Sarge asked a native what he thought of the war. The native replied, "The South is all wrong."

INTIMATE STUFF.

1. Corporal Christmas, of the Mess, is sure doing his bit. He has one arm in a sling, but the other is O. K. Mike refuses to lay off. Atta Boy.

2. Sergeant Heath has two carrier pigeons he is training to deliver messages to the "Girl" in Rahway. They will be some busy birds.

3. Private Wegner, the Barney Oldfield of the Reo car, is back on the job. He was laid up with something he says he caught from the Ford "Limousine."

4. Private Snyder, the tailor par excellence, complains that he has been sewing non-com chevrons on every Blouse but his own.

5. Private Kramer suggests that the Laundry Truck be donated to the Rahway Police Department for use as a Patrol Wagon.

6. Private Burris, of the Post Barber Shop, was formerly a blacksmith. Next.

7. Sergeant Ingelse, of the Mess, is a good example of the food the Boys are getting. Wonder where Slim Brittain chows?

8. Sergeant Epstein, of Greenleaf fame, remarked that he was glad to be back in America, when he saw white sheets on the beds.

9. Sergeant Durning was busy this past Sunday entertaining a young lady from Cranford. This matter has been referred to Lieutenant Swaim by letter to Ft. Oglethorpe.

10. Now altogether, when are we going to get our discharge, we wonder!

Sergeant Lawrence is soon to become a Benedict. The City of Maryville, Tenn., where the big event is to take place, is preparing for a real celebration. We understand that the Town Hall has bought a new flag in honor of the event. Good luck Charlie.

All information regarding discharges may be had by applying to Private Robison at the Post Exchange, or Cook Solomon at the Detachment mess. Line forms on the right.

Our dietitians, Misses Harvey and Burns, visited the Detachment Mess Hall recently while the Boys were at chow. All were excited and forgot whether it was hamburger or chicken they were eating. Come and visit us again.

H. A. F.

Private Cotton, ambulance garage, was seen coming home Friday night under an umbrella. Has the ambulance gang no pride?

Otto Precht says that they call 'em "raw" recruits because they have never been exposed to fire.

IT PAYS T. A.

A couple of weeks ago, Corporal Lynch, of the ambulance garage, asked us to advertise his roadster for sale. We did. Twenty-four hours before OVER HERE appeared with his advertisement, Corporal Lynch sold his car. Moral: Advertise in OVER HERE.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT WELL WORTH MEMORIZING

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8:30 a. m. Mass for Catholics....." "
10:30 a. m. Protestant Services.....Chaplain Leach
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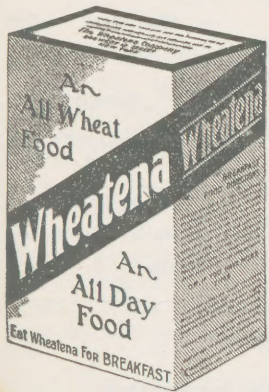
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